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Amendments to the Drawings:

The attached sheet of drawings includes changes to Figure 3 and replaces the original sheet including Figure 3.

Attachments: Replacement sheet 3/8

REMARKS

The Official Action objects to the drawings for allegedly failing to depict the positive engagement of the expanded engagement member of the second sleeve with the first sleeve. As such, replacement sheet 3/8 is submitted herewith by which a revised version of Figure 3 is submitted. As shown, Figure 3 has been revised consistent with at least page 13, lines 8-24 of the present application to illustrate the positive engagement of the expanded engagement member of the second sleeve with the first sleeve. Thus, it is submitted that the revised version of Figure 3 overcomes the objection to the drawings.

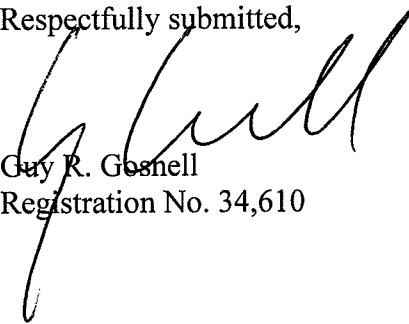
As to the claims, Claims 1 and 3-9 have been allowed and claims 10-20 have been indicated to be allowable. However, Claims 10-20 have been rejected as being indefinite under 35 U.S.C. § 112, second paragraph. Claims 10 and 17 have now been amended to address each of the issues identified by the Official Action. Thus, it is also submitted that the rejection of independent Claims 10 and 17, as well as Claims 11-16 and 18-20 by dependency, has been overcome.

Based on the foregoing, it is respectfully submitted that all of the claims of the present application are in condition for immediate allowance. It is therefore respectfully requested that a Notice of Allowance be issued. The Examiner is encouraged to contact Applicant's undersigned attorney to resolve any remaining issues in order to expedite examination of the present application.

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It is not believed that extensions of time or fees for net addition of claims are required, beyond those that may otherwise be provided for in documents accompanying this paper. However, in the event that additional extensions of time are necessary to allow consideration of this paper, such extensions are hereby petitioned under 37 CFR § 1.136(a), and any fee required therefore (including fees for net addition of claims) is hereby authorized to be charged to Deposit Account No. 16-0605.

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